9. Rs. 350- under "17- Law and Justice—B2. District Courts—Office Expenses".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 350 under "17-Law and Justice—B-2-District Courts—Office Expenses". This expenditure has to be incurred primarily for District Courts. The matter has been explained in the Standing Finance Committee and it is contained in the notes. I request that the grant may be given.

Demand put and carried.

10. Rs. 1680- under "17- Law and Justice—B 6. Civil Justice—Debt Conciliation Board".

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1680 under "17-Law and Justice—B-6-Civil Justice—Debt Conciliation Board". I have to add nothing more to what is contained in the notes. I request that the grant may be allowed.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—*"To reduce the demand of Rs. 1680- under "17 Law and Justice—B 6. Civil Justice—Debt Conciliation Board" by Re. 1. (To discuss the necessity of the Board's making instalment awards).*

Mr. President.—Mr. Ibrahim, your motion raises a question of policy on the working of the Debt Conciliation Board. It has been ruled that questions of general policy should not be brought at the time supplementary grants are moved.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Sir, so far as the grant is concerned, it is a very extensive one. It is said that it is to improve the general working of the whole system. So a matter of this kind may kindly be allowed to be moved now.

Mr. President.—It has been ruled repeatedly that questions of general policy should be discussed only at the time of the Budget. Only questions of detail can be discussed during this. I have no objection to give you any information on this matter. But, we cannot have a full-dressed discussion on this point.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—So far as judgment-debtors are concerned, it has been repeatedly mentioned on the floor of this House by the Hon'ble Members of the Government that time is given to the judgment-debtor and instalments are given to them as a palliative step. I only want that point to be extended to the working of the Debt Conciliation Board. There is nothing impracticable or difficult to accept this problem. If the Government will promise that they will give some consideration and that it will be sympathetically considered, I do not think there is any necessity for a detailed discussion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—There is another difficulty in the working of the Debt Conciliation Board. The working of the Board is governed by the statute and the rules framed thereunder. Therefore, Government cannot do anything against the statute and the rules. If this is a matter which can be considered by the Board consistently with the legislation and the rules framed thereunder, I am sure this suggestion will receive the sympathetic consideration of the Board. But if there are impediments in the statute for accepting your suggestions, then of course, I do not think, Government can do anything. The Board has power to act only within the scope of the legislation. It is not a matter where we can add anything by way of suggestion to what they have to do under definite rules.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is the Hon'ble Member in a position to inform the House whether we have got anything in the statute against giving effect to this palliative?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—All that I can say is if the rules allow it then it would be considered.

Mr. President.—If it is consistent with the rules, then there is no difficulty.

Motion not moved.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—*"To reduce the demand of Rs. 1680/- under "17 Law and Justice—B 6. Civil Justice—Debt Conciliation Board" by Re. 1/- (To ascertain from the Government the number of cases that have come before the Board, the number of cases disposed of and the nature of their disposals, the total amount involved in these cases, the amount spent by the Government so far and under what heads).*

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Sir, my cut motion is only to ascertain from the Government certain details.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—That question is answered for to-morrow and you will get all the information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—My intention was just to get an idea of the working of the institution. And if the Government can give me that information, then . . . .

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I have got the information here.

203 petitions were filed in 1112 and 436 in this year, thus aggregating 639 petitions up-to-date. Already 15 cases have been conciliated completely and part-conciliation has been effected in another 14 cases. The amount involved in the conciliated cases comes to Rs. 30,544—9—4 and the amount involved in part-conciliation cases comes to Rs. 11,431—12—11. There is the prospect of a few more cases for conciliation. In some cases the creditors were not inclined to take property in lieu of money. Commissioners have been deputed to ascertain the total amount, and they hope that not less than 3 lakhs can thus be conciliated. In a few other cases the parties are applying to the Land Mortgage Bank to clear their debts. In this way conciliation will be effected in such cases.

Motion withdrawn.

Demand put and carried.

11. Rs. 629-13-0 under "17. C. Criminal Justice—Printed Forms".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 629—13—0 under "17-C—Criminal Justice—Printed Forms". The information necessary is contained in the notes. I have nothing more to add. I request that the allotment may be passed.

Demand put and carried.

12. Rs. 400- under "18 (1) Central Jail—Miscellaneous".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 400 under

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